

CHURCH DIARY: Events & Activities in September

Monday 25 th	7.30pm, Youth Minister Working Group , at Curate's House, Cedar Ave
Tuesday 26 th	7.30pm, Handbells in the Narthex 7.30pm, Intercessions Workshop , St. Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue
Weds 27 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in St. Elizabeth's , with drinks afterwards 10am-7pm, Full-Day School Governors Meeting , in the Narthex 6.30pm, Evening Service with Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church
Thursday 28 th	8pm, Girls & Talk (G&T) , Il Toro (upstairs) – all adult 'girls' welcome! 8pm, Open Door : in church – The Rocking Years (see inside)
Friday 29 th	6.30pm (Food) & 7.30pm (Slides), Namibia Presentation Evening , in church
Saturday 30 th	10.30am, Matins Prayers & Morning Coffee , Rivington Ch. – all welcome!
Sunday 1st October 16 th in Trinity Namibia Sunday	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, Informal Holy Communion , in church (with K4C Groups) – Namibia! 10.45am, Choral Communion Service , in church – Namibia Focus today! 6.30pm, Evening Praise in church – all are welcome!
Tuesday 3 rd	7.30pm Handbells in the Narthex 7.30pm, Namibia Committee , in church
Weds 4 th	9.30am, Midweek Communion , in St. Elizabeth's , with drinks afterwards 2pm, Team Magazine Meeting , 39 Hope St North 6.30pm, Evening Service with Communion , St. Elizabeth's Church 7.45pm, Christianity Explored Course , St. Catherine's Ch., Richmond St.
Thursday 5 th	7.30pm, Youth Committee , in the Rectory
Sunday 8th October 17 th in Trinity	8am, Early Holy Communion Service , in the Memorial Chapel 9.15am, Informal Worship (Paraclesis 3) , in church (with K4C Groups) 10.45am, Choral Communion Service (Paraclesis 3) , in church 6.30pm, Holy Communion in church – all are welcome!
HELPFUL NUMBERS FOR CLERGY & CHURCH OFFICERS	
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Newsletter Items to Mike Foster: m.foster.hpc@gmail.com (07976 252817)
by midday Wednesday – please!

Help Save the Planet! Save Paper! To have a copy of the Newsletter sent by email, contact Mike at m.foster.hpc@gmail.com who will forward you a PDF version.

Team Office: 692252, churchteamoffice@gmail.com (Open 10-12, Monday–Friday).

Items for **Below the Pike** (Team Magazine) to Margaret Broadfoot (690283)
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Send any Pastoral Concerns to hthpastoralteam@hotmail.co.uk



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NEWSLETTER



Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity Sunday 24th September, 2017

If you're visiting for the first time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please stay for refreshments after morning services – we look forward to meeting you. Information Leaflets about church activities are in the Leaflet Rack, or speak to the Clergy, Churchwardens or Sides-people – see back page Calendar for weekly events.

TODAY'S SERVICES & READINGS

8am, **Early Holy Communion Service**, in the Memorial Chapel
9.15am, **Informal Worship (Paraclesis 2)**, in church (with K4C Groups)
10.45am, **Choral Communion Service**, in church (Paraclesis 2)
12 for 12.30pm, Church Family Lunch at Il Toro
2pm, **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**, 12 Stocks Park Drive
6.30pm, **God [space]** – a new contemporary evening service, as we start to explore the Lord's Prayer (see inside for **Hot Choc Bonus** for Yr.7-14s)



Epistle: **Hebrews 10:19-25** (p.1208 in Pew Bible)

Gospel: **Mark 6:31-44** (p.1009 in Pew Bible)

Mission
Action
Planning

Mission Action Plan (MAP) – last Sunday, we launched our MAP Consultation, to find out your views about how our church family can develop & grow in the coming years. **YOUR INPUT IS VITAL** if we're to get a rounded picture of where God is guiding His people here in this parish. If you haven't yet filled in a Questionnaire, please take one from the back of church today & return it completed by **NEXT** Sunday (1st Oct). The 4 priority sections of this leaflet are on display on the church walls TODAY & next Sunday for you to add stickers to any concerns you share, & if there are any additional points which you feel haven't been included, please return this information on your completed leaflet. *Thank you*



In your Prayers this week, please ask...

For God's healing for Kate Holt, Caroline Coupe, Dorothy Blundell, Jean Benson, Haydn Matthews, Betty Holding, Alan & Mary Rothwell, David Turton, Pawenut Yanpanya (*Christine Dunning's d-in-l*), Scarlet Kendall (*Margaret C's gr'dr*), Michael Holden, Dorothy Foster, Susan Bayley, Jacob Bleasdale, Malcolm Ainsworth, Les Burtonwood, Roma Shuter, Sandra Almond, John Taylor, Renee Handley, Jade Smethurst, James Stracey (*Sue Ruaux's friend*), Samuel Davies, Muriel Angus, Rob Long, Betty Harrison (*Eddie's Mum*), Colin Craston, Terry Oakes (*Nicola Gillard's Dad*), Connie Jones (*in RBH after a stroke*), Winnie Green (*now back at Blackrod House NH*), Wilf Tomkinson, Hettie Watson & Shirley Turton.

PLEASE check the prayer list above & let us know those who still need our prayers!

For God's Comfort for recently bereaved families, especially of Doreen Tomkinson, Dennis McDermott, Phil Noden, Rodney Wildish & Jack Landless.

Lead-Theft Church Roof! Damaged areas on the roof where lead has been stolen are covered with tarpaulins to prevent further water leaks – please pray for our Wardens, Building Committee, Helpers, Church Architect & Insurers as work begins.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Open Door: THIS Thursday 28th September – **The Rocking Years** Speaker **Brian Hallworth**. Then on Thursday 12th October **The Origin of Surnames** Speaker **Peter Watson** – All Welcome!



G + T (Girls & Talk) – Join us for a night out for the girls! Meeting upstairs at **II Toro** from 8pm onwards, starting **THIS** Thursday (28th). For more details, see the postcard in church, or contact Jo Smith (*see Helpful Numbers on back page*).

Christianity Explored! You don't need to know anything about the Bible & you can ask any question you like on Wednesday evenings starting 4th October at 7.45pm in St. Catherine's Church, Richmond Street. If you'd like to come, or find out more, please contact Michael Behrend (697162).

Good News! Bolton Wanderers have kindly offered us part of their stadium as our Warehouse for this years **Shoebox Appeal**. Boxes will be checked from 7th-29th Nov & the lorry will be loaded at 6pm on Thu 30th Nov. Please sign up to help on the sheet in the Narthex (*Training Session in church, Wed 18th Oct at 10:30am*)



Namibia Presentation Evening! Come to share in typical Namibian food at 6.30pm **THIS** Friday (29th) followed by a Presentation Slideshow showing highlights from the recent trip to Namibia by Rev. Caroline & David Tracey, & Cllr Richard Silvester. Food (6.30pm), then Presentation (7.30pm), all in Holy Trinity Church.

New Coffee Rota now available at back of Church for Oct-Dec – please make sure you are available & – if not – swap weeks with someone else on the rota. **More Help Needed!** – if any of our Church family are free to do the coffee after services, please have a word with any of the service leaders, or members of Social Committee – the more volunteers, the lighter the load. *Many thanks, Lesley.*

Intercessions Workshop: THIS Tuesday (26th) in St. Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Ave, at 7.30pm. For all who'd like to learn how to lead intercessions in church but don't know where to start, or those who already do so but want to learn more or share their wisdom & resources. Come along to this informal & informative evening with coffee & cake. You aren't committing to anything - more information from Rev. Gill Smart (01204 468271), or email g.m.smart@btinternet.com.

Harvest Appeal 2017 – on Sunday 15th Oct at 10am in our **Harvest United Parade Service**, we welcome **Dave Bagley**, the founder of Urban Outreach. This year, we support their **'No Hiding Place'** Project – raising awareness of & combating human slavery & trafficking in the Borough of Bolton by educating schools, churches, individuals & communities on how to spot the signs of trafficking & how to report it. Please use the **Harvest Appeal Envelopes** available in church! We are also supporting Winter Watch, who feed & care for the homeless on the streets of Bolton, by bringing dried & tinned food for their winter kitchens – *see flyer.*

Applications for Admission to Church Schools – For applications for admission to a Primary or Secondary Church School which require proof of church attendance, the Rector uses the spreadsheet provided by Marlene Pritchard from the signatures on our Children's Register. If you wish to confirm your own family details in terms of attendance, then contact Marlene (dmpritchard@btinternet.com)

Church Cleaning Morning – Sat 21st Oct from 10am-Noon. There is a list of cleaning tasks in the Narthex which need to be done – the more who sign up, the easier it'll be. Please sign up quickly if you'd like to clean the toilets, because that's the Rector's favourite task! Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 21st Oct!

World Challenge Trip to India! Next summer, Lucy Fletcher, from Holy Trinity, & Zoe Harley from St. Elizabeth's, are going on a Sixth Form (*Canon Slade*) Trip to help in villages in Kerala, India, to benefit these poor communities. To help raise funds for this trip, they are asking us to complete a Quizsheet (£1 each) with questions, dingbats & a Wordsearch, with a prize for the adult & child winners. They will be at the back of church from **NEXT** Sunday 8th October. *Have fun!*

CHURCH VISIT TO NAMIBIA – JULY 2019 – The next visit to our link parishes of Okathitu and Ruacana will take place in 2019. As always, our aim is to share the love of Christ with our Christian brothers & sisters there & to learn from one another. Would you like to embark on a life-changing experience visiting our 2 very different link parishes – the bushland of Okathitu and the township of Oshifo in Ruacana? If you're intrigued, between 16 & 99 by Aug 2019, then please read the enclosed flyer to find out more, then speak to Caroline Tracey by 15th Oct, either by email (caroline@archangelos.co.uk), or by letter to **4 Evanstone Close, Horwich, Bolton BL6 5SQ.**